MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Names of Ministers who visited China from April to July, 1993 are given below:

(i) Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Commerce & Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, May 31—June 6, 1993;

(ii) Shri Santosh Mohan Dev, Minister of State (Steel), June 13—19, 1993; and

(iii) Shri Balram Singh Yadav, Minister of State (Mines), June 28—July 2, 1993

(b) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extradition Treaty

3884. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difficulty for entering an extradition treaty/agreement with U.S.A., Canada, Singapore, Germany, France, Nepal, Hongkong and South American countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) There is no difficulty for entering into an extradition treaty/agreement with any of these countries.

USA — We have an extradition treaty signed before 1947 and negotiations to revise the same are under way.

Canada — We already have an extradition treaty signed in 1987.

Singapore — We have no extradition treaty but extradition arrangement by way of reciprocal extension of national Extradition Acts.

Germany — Negotiations for concluding an extradition treaty are going on.

France — A draft of Treaty has since been received from them and is under consideration of Government of India.

Nepal — We already have an extradition treaty.

Hong Kong — Negotiations for concluding an extradition treaty are going on.

South American countries — There are no proposals at the moment under consideration for concluding an extradition treaty.

(b) Does not arise.

Prime Minister's Visit to Kazakhastan

3885. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the visit of the PM to Kazakhastan in the month of May, 1993 a number of agreements were reached and signed;

(b) if so, what are the total agreements signed;

(c) to what extent the agreements will be helpful to India; and

(d) by what time these agreements are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) The following agreements were signed during the Prime Minister's visit to Kazakhastan in May 1993:

(i) Agreement between the Govt. of the Republic of India and the Govt. of the Republic of Kazakhastan on co-operation in Science & Technology.

(ii) Protocol on Cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhastan.

(c) and (d) These agreements will contribute to the strengthening of mutually beneficial Indo-Kazakh relations.

Implementation of these agreements is already taking place:

Agreement on co-operation in Science & Technology:

A joint Sub-Committee has been formed to develop a data base of scientists, scientific agencies and available technologies in India and Kazakhastan. It would also review implementation of Indo-Kazakh co-operation in Science & Technology at regular intervals. Kazakh delegations of scientists with specific goals, are expected to visit India shortly to acquaint themselves with the technologies available in India. We have also expressed our willingness to participate in the setting up of National Scientific Centres in Kazakhastan for the training of Kazakh personnel in different fields such as bio-technology, mineral processing, informatics, telecommunications etc.

Protocol on Co-operation between our Ministry of External Affairs and the Kazakh

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Kazakhastan Foreign Service officers are already receiving training at our Foreign Service Institute and Consultations between the two Governments on regional and global issues, both at the official and the political level, is already taking place.

Cases of Forged Passport and Visas

3886. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of passengers slip out of India with fake passports and visas particularly from Delhi as reported in the Hindustan Times of May 21, 1993;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected having forged passport and visas from various places during each of the last three years;

(c) what action Government have taken against such persons and also against those who make and supply forged passports and visas duly stamped on payment of hefty fee from innocent Indian Passengers; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to check such fake passport and visa rackets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the House

Use of Nuclear Arms at Short Notice by Pak

3887. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that CIA have made a statement that Pakistan can use nuclear arms at a short notice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CIA Director James Woolsey, in his testimony before the Sub-Committee on International Security, International Organisations and Human Rights of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on 28 July, 1993 stated, *inter alia*, that both India and Pakistan have nuclear weapons development programmes and are capable of assembling and delivering a limited number of nuclear weapons within a relatively short time.

Government continue to monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security. Government have on several occasions conveyed to the US our concerns on Pakistan's acquisition of military capabilities in excess of its legitimate defence requirements.

प्रधान मंत्री की विदेश यात्राएं

3888. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993 में प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा किन-किन देशों की यात्रा किए जाने की सम्भावना है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या प्रधान मंत्री इन दौरों में अकेले जाएंगे अथवा उनके साथ कोई प्रतिनिधिमंडल भी जाएगा ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) वर्ष 1993 के दौरान प्रधान मंत्री को जिन देशों की यात्रा करनी है, उनमें भूटान, चीन, कोरिया गणराज्य और साइप्रस हैं । इनमें से पहले तीन देशों की यात्रा द्विपक्षीय संदर्भ में होगी और यह उम्मीद है कि इन यात्राओं से सम्बन्धित देशों के साथ हमारे सम्बन्ध और अधिक मजबूत होंगे । साइप्रस की यात्रा, 21 से 25 अक्तूबर, 1993 को राष्ट्रमंडल के राज्याध्यक्षों/शासनाध्यक्षों की बैठक में भाग लेने के लिए की जाएगी ।

(ख) जैसी कि प्रथा है, प्रधान मंत्री के साथ एक शिष्टमण्डल जाएगा ।

Recognition of Mizo Tribe as a Lost Tribe by Israel

3889. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Israel has recognised a section of the Mizo population as the lost tribe of Israel;

(b) whether these Mizos have sought the right to emigrate to Israel; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to Israeli official policy, only bona fide jews recognised by Israel can claim the right to migrate to Israel.

(c) Government have checked press reports